

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A holding apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens, comprising:
 - an eyelid opener portion that pulls and opens an upper eyelid and a lower eyelid;
 - a holding portion that holds the vitreous body surgical contact lens on an eyeball; and
 - ~~a~~an elastic connecting portion connected to the holding portion and the eyelid opener portion so that a position of the holding portion relative to the eyelid opener portion and the eyeball is adjustable.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,
 - wherein said eyelid opener portion has a structure in which a portion that pulls the upper eyelid and a portion that pulls the lower eyelid are integrated with an elastic portion therebetween.
4. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,
 - wherein said holding portion has a shape of a ring.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to ~~claim 5~~claim 1,
 - wherein the elastic member is a cord body.

7. (Currently Amended) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to ~~claim 5~~claim 1,

wherein the elastic member is silicone rubber.

8. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 1,

wherein said holding portion has an engaging portion engaging with said connecting portion, and

wherein said connecting portion has a hole to be engaged with the engaging portion.

9. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for holding a vitreous body surgical contact lens according to ~~claim 5~~claim 1, wherein the holding portion includes an engaging portion and the holding portion is connected to the eyelid opener portion via the engaging portion.

10. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9, wherein a lower inner circumferential surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion is chamfered following a shape of the eyeball.

11. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9, wherein a surface of a cylindrical body portion forming said holding portion is frosted.

12. (Currently Amended) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens, according to ~~claim 5~~claim 1, wherein the connecting portion comprises a pair of elastic closed loop members for connecting the holding portion in a semi-fixed state.

13. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 12, wherein the holding portion includes a pair of engaging portions

disposed opposite one another on the holding apparatus and the pair of elastic closed loop members engages with the pair of engaging members.

14. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 18, wherein at least one or more engaging holes for engaging with the engaging portions of said holding portion for the vitreous body surgical contact lens are provided in the closed loop members having a ring shape.

15. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 18,

wherein a substantially rectangular engaging hole is provided in the closed loop members having a ring shape.

16. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical contact lens according to claim 9, wherein the engaging portion engages with the connecting portion in at least two places.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The holding apparatus for the vitreous body surgical lens according to claim 13, wherein the closed loop members are rubber members having a ring shape.